

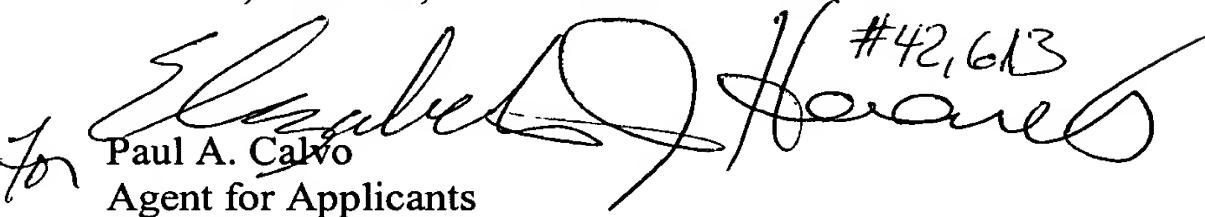
Conclusion

The present listing of claims replaces the prior listing of claims that did not conform to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, and thereby supplements the Amendment and Reply filed together with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on May 8, 2006. Applicants now believe that all of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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